

**King County Mobility Coalition
Government Affairs Working Group**

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Tuesday, March 16, 2010, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Metro Accessible Services, 821 Second Ave, Seattle

In attendance: Jacque Mann, Michael Miller, Bob Sahm, Michelle Zeidman.

Handouts: (1) KCMC subcommittee and work groups descriptions, (2) 2010 draft work plan, and (3) action items from February KCMC meeting.

The subcommittee reviewed its scope of work and draft work plan items, as follows:

Strategy A: Infrastructure Changes

- Activities (a) and (b): solutions to funding barriers and simplifying eligibility requirements
 - The subcommittee noted that ACCT has a subgroup working on these issues and that KCMC should support, rather than duplicate, its efforts.
 - Action Item: the subcommittee will draft an introductory letter to ACCT noting our interest in working with them and providing our contact information and website address.
 - Action Item: Michelle will ask to be added to ACCT's listserv, including any mailing list for related work groups. Information received from these sources will be compiled and sent to the Government Affairs Working Group members.
 - Action Item: the subcommittee agreed that a fact sheet about funding barriers would be helpful. Michelle will work with Ella Campbell at Sound Transit (ST) to get updated eligibility information for King County transportation services. Michelle will also request information on funding sources from KCMC members for the transportation services included in our Inventory of Services.

Strategy B: Integrated Planning

- Activity (a): Conduct outreach to elected officials and decision-makers
 - The Coalition sent letters to King County Executive Dow Constantine and Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn and is in the process of scheduling meetings with them or their staff. This first round of meetings is intended to be informational and set the foundation for future work together.
 - Future Action Item: the subcommittee expressed interest in meeting with the chairs of Transportation Committees for the King County Council and Seattle City Council. This will wait until after meetings are held with the King County Executive and Seattle Mayor.
 - Action Item: the subcommittee agreed on the importance of briefing other coalitions and advisory councils on KCMC's work and the importance of special needs transportation. Possible groups to brief include:

- ST's Citizens Accessibility Advisory Council
- Metro's Accessible Services Advisory Council
- North Urban Human Services Alliance
- South King Council on Human Services
- Eastside Human Services Alliance
- King County Alliance for Human Services
- Seattle Housing Authority's Advisory Council
- King County Housing Authority's Advisory Council
- Action Item: the subcommittee will draft talking points about special needs transportation and coordinated transportation for use during briefings and other outreach opportunities. This draft document will be shared at the next full KCMC meeting for Coalition input and approval.
 - Action Item: Michelle will follow-up on Bob's request for stories about King County programs, which can be used to illustrate the importance of these services as well as the diversity of transportation options for people with special transportation needs in King County. These stories may be included in the talking points or another outreach document.
- Activity (b): work with local and regional planning agencies
 - Action Item: The subcommittee will ask Lynn Moody to serve as the KCMC liaison to King County's Regional Transit Task Force, since she has a seat on that task force.
 - Subcommittee members agreed to send announcements of any public comment opportunity to Michelle to forward to the entire KCMC list.
 - The subcommittee noted that the comment letter on Transportation 2040 and the Coordinated Transit-Human Services Plan is ready for submission to PSRC.

Next Steps:

- The subcommittee decided it will meet on an "as needed" basis and communicate over email in the interim.